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PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO
HIS MAJESTY THE KING:

QUOTE: IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO EXTEND TO YOUR
MAJESTIES ON BEHALF OF MRS. NIXON AND MYSELF AN INVITATION
TO HONOR US WITH A STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES THIS
YEAR.

1973 WILL, WE CONFIDENTLY HOPE, BE RECORDED IN HISTORY AS
THE YEAR WHEN PEACE WAS ACHIEVED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE
GROUNDWORKS LAID FOR A NEW ERA OF DEVELOPMENT AND
COOPERATION IN THAT REGION. THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THOSE
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CONDITIONS THAT HAVE MADE PEACE IN INDOCHINA POSSIBLE; IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE ESSENTIAL AS THE NATIONS OF THE AREA TAKE UP THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS OF ASSURING LASTING STABILITY AND PROGRESS. WE BELIEVE A VISIT BY YOUR MAJESTIES WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE ENDURING CHARACTER OF THE BONDS THAT HAVE SO LONG EXISTED BETWEEN THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES.

RECALLING THE WARM AND GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO US

DURING OUR VISIT TO THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND IN 1969, IT WOULD ALSO GIVE MRS. NIXON AND ME THE GREATEST PERSONAL PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE UNITED STATES SHOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOUR MAJESTIES TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION. WE WOULD SUGGEST NOVEMBER AS A CONVENIENT TIME IF THAT IS AGREEABLE TO YOUR MAJESTIES.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE MY HIGH PERSONAL REGARDS AND WARMEST GOOD WISHES, SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON.
UNQUOTE. ROGERS

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